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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The present application has been filed in view of the need for submission of the attached Information Disclosure Statement to make of record the references set forth therein, including the English Abstracts for each of these references. It is submitted, however, that all claims now pending, including newly added Claims 26-28 patentably define over such references as well as the remaining references of record.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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